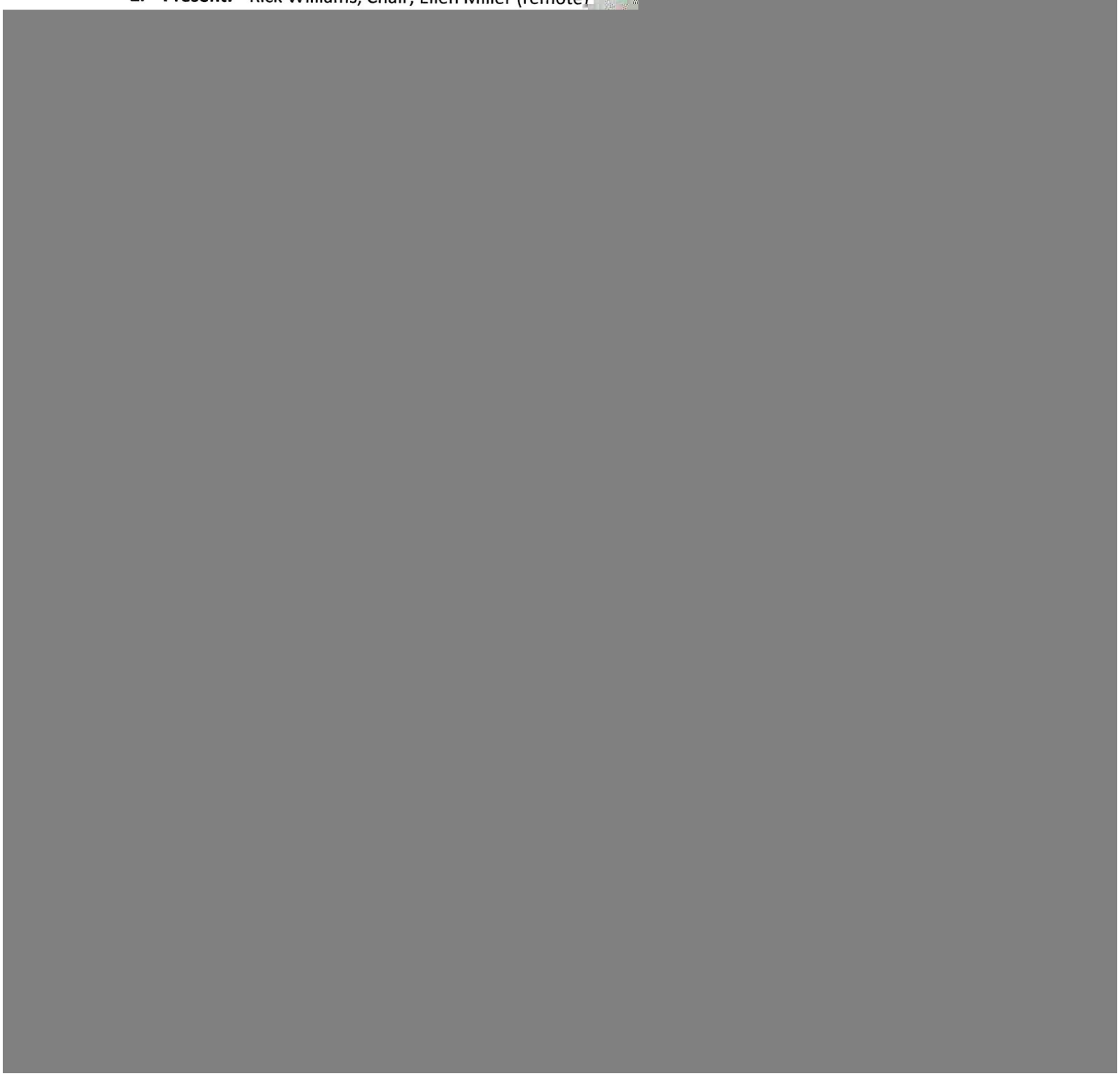


**TOWN OF ROWE - BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – 9am – Zoom Virtual Meeting**

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**Meeting was held via audio/video conference, consistent with Gov. Baker's temporary modifications to the Open Meeting Law.**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair called meeting to order at 9:06am
  - 2. Present:** Rick Williams, Chair; Ellen Miller (remote) and Herb Butake (remote) – Assessors; Colleen
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Poehlein	P-20-0025	61 Zoar Rd	410-015	Plumbing	-
Chiofalo	P-20-0047	87 Potter Rd	403-007	Plumbing	-
Shulda	G-20-0038	205 Zoar Rd	205-007	Gas	-
Shulda	P-200041	205 Zoar Rs	205-007	Plumbing	-

**6. 2019 Annual Map Updates:**

- a) **Thane, Davenport Rd Extension, 408-039:** Name on property card should be Joseph Thane. At time of property transfer in 2012 property card was updated with name of David Thane in error.
- b) **Larned, Newell Cross Rd:** Deed Bk 3713, Pg 214 dated 12/22/2000 describes Map 202, Lots 41 & 42 as one lot, however the property card was never updated. Motion made and seconded to combine Map 202-041 and 202-042 into one lot 202-042 with 2.04 acres. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye).
- c) **Molly Scott:** Colleen is to research town meeting results and annual reports for information on the 4/2/1866 discontinuance of the road to the Demons Lot that tied into Warner Hill Rd in Charlemont.
- d) **"New" Lots on Tatro Rd:** CAI incorporation of Charlemont survey plans created four new (very small) lots along the town boundary with Charlemont in the Tatro Road area. Rowe's AxisGIS map was updated with this change for 2018. A property card for each of new lot will now be created.

**7. FY21 FOL/38D&F RFI/New Growth:**

- a) **Bear Swamp:** Form of List submitted. Motion made and seconded to grant an extension to their 38D&F RFI response filing to 6/1/2020. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye).
- b) **Great River Hydro:** All information has been submitted.
- c) **National Grid:** Form of List submitted. Email dated 5/1/2020 was received requesting a 60-day extension to July 1, 2020 for remaining information. Motion made and seconded to grant an extension for the filing of their 38D&F RFI response filing to 7/1/2020. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye).

- 8. ATB Appeal Cases:** Cases have been continued to a date in the summer or fall due to COVID-19 pandemic. It was agreed that the original cost-sharing formula for each town will continue to be used for all Sansoucy/Klebanoff expenses related to the ATB cases.

**9. FY23 BLA Directives Progress:**

- a) **Update/Submit in DLS Gateway:** Rick completed this on 4/23/2020.
- b) **Utility Land Valuation:** Rather than our current practice of using our town-wide land values for power company lands, the DOR is directing that this land be appraised by our power company appraiser. We will discuss with GES to sort this out for FY23 REVAL.

- 10. Gateway Property Tax Exemption Information:** Updates in Gateway are due May 1 each year. Paraplegic and Veterans information is being submitted today by Rick. MDM-1 is on hold as one more senior exemption may be coming in. Due to COVID-19 application deadlines have been extended.

- 11. IGR 20-6, COL Adjustments for FY21 Senior Exemptions:** Towns may adopt local options for annually increasing: 17D exemption amount, 17D asset limits and 41C income and asset limits. Motion made and seconded that the Assessors request that the town pursue these local options at the FY21 annual town meeting. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye). Our request will be passed along to the Selectboard.

- 12. Course 101:** Herb was congratulated for completing Assessors Course 101. He is now a Certified Assessor. Colleen has two modules left to finish.

- 13. Executive Session:** Executive Session under MGL c. 30A, §21(a)(7) was not needed.

**14. Adjournment:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:49am. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously (Rick—aye, Ellen—aye, Herb—aye).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen B. Miller

Approved:

FN Williams 12-29-20  
Frederick N. Williams, Chair Date

Ellen Miller  
Ellen B. Miller

[Signature]  
Herbert G. Butzke